currently under implementation in the country including these states. These special programmes include Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana, Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, Rural Employment Generation Programme, National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, etc.

Reduction in interest rate on EPF

3768. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to reduce interest rate on EPF; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) the reasons for the reduction of the rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The rate of interest on EPF deposits for the year 2006-07 has not yet been recommended by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund to the Government.

Contribution of intellectual/skilled Labour to GDP

†3769. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of intellectual or skilled labour to the GDP has increased after adoption of globalised industrialization policy a decade ago;

(b) if so, Government's assessment in this regard;

(c) the percentage of skilled and unskilled labour in the country at present and whether any target has been fixed to enhance availability of skilled labour in the years to come; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The contribution

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.